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LINES.

On the death of a Young Lady by Consumption.

Another flower has left its parent stem;
Not by the winds hurl'd lifeless to the ground;
No summer's warm bath scorch'd it—and there came
No rude hand there to crush it, or to wound:
Spring's rosy breath had just with sweetness crown'd
Its opening loveliness, when in his way,
Fiend-like decay the helpless victim found,
And o'er his prize exulting, hideously,
Grasp'd its frail form, and with malignant lue,
Leaf by leaf plucked and strewed, its glories in the dust!

Oh, fell disease! and thou triumphant death!
Conquerors of earth! could not one hope escape
The blasting sirroc of your poison breath?—
Where were the guilty, that ye could not keep
For such peculiar bitterness?—nor heap
On one so harmless, helpless, all your wrath?—
But, gentlest spirits soonest learn to weep,
Whilst the stern heart for tears no fondness hath,
As summer showers will inundate the rose,
Though they could scarcely mar the rugged Oak's repose.

Yet, if things earth-born yonder heaven may rue,
And all its noon-day blaze of glory find,
Thou, lov'd and lost! so stainless, said, so free
From the dark pass ons of our humankind—
Thou hast its angel-band id Seraphs join'd!
Life was, at best, but like a dream to thee;
The beautiful, but perishing creature of a mind
Too pure for earth, yet but awhile, that we
Might gaze upon its virtues, and adore,
Ere to its skiey home, it went, to stay for ever more!

SENEX.

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AFRICAN CHARACTER—PART II.

In Africa, we find the negro not only capable of mental cultivation, but to judge from the slight opportunities they have of acquiring knowledge, and the readiness with which they receive instruction, we may justly conclude that their intellectual powers would prove to be, if properly cultivated, equal to those of the European race. The testimony of travellers who have visited that country, prove, that notwithstanding the many disadvantages under which the native African labors, many of them exhibit evidence of intellectual talent, and benevolence of heart, that would do honor to any nation. Major Denham in an account of his visit to he Sultan Bello of Sackatoo, after speaking of his hospitable reception states, "that towards the close of my visit he began to preserve with theol gical questions, and showed himself not unacquainted with the controversies that have agitated the Christian world—indeed he soon went beyond my depth, and I was obliged to confess, that I was not versed in the abstruse mysteries of divinity. Upon being shown the planisphere, he proved his knowledge of the planets, and many of the constellations, by repeating their Arabic names. The telescope, which presented objects inverted—the compass by which he could always turn to the east, when praying—and the sextant which he called the looking glass of the heavens, excited great interest."

In the interior, they have considerable knowledge of the mechanical arts; Timbuctoo, is represented to be an important commercial city, and its citizens are celebrated for their intell gence, and advancement in the mechanical arts. Among the articles of manufacture that are to be found in Africa, may be enumerated, leather dressed in the same style as that manufactured at Morocco, cordage, hardcome cloths, firm tissue, agricultural tools, and various articles manufactured from gold, silver and steel, in which they are very skilful—indeed it is said that the cutting instruments made at Hassa, have a finer and keener edge than those manufactured in Europe; their files are also said to be superior to those of England and France.

In some kingdoms, advocates are employed, to plead the cause of those brought before their tribunals, who succeed as well as their brother advocates in some other parts of the world, in puzzling the brains and confusing the intellects of their hearers.

A writer, speaking of their public discussions and passion for poetry, says, "The public discussions in Africa, called palaver, exhibit a fluent and natural oratory, often accompanied with much good sense and shrewdness. Above all the passion for poetry is nearly universal. As soon as the evening breeze begins to blow, the song resounds throughout all Africa—it charms the despondency of the wilderness through the desert—it enlivens the social meetings—it inspires the dance, and even the lamentations of the mourner are poured forth in measured accents."

Speaking of the poetry of the Africans, reminds me of an anecdote, which, although well known, is so beautifully characteristic of the humanity of the African character, and so forcibly illustrates the kindness and benevolence of woman's heart; that I cannot forbear inserting it, believing it will be read with the same pleasure that I have always experienced in its perusal.

At Sego, Mungo Park being forbidden by the King to cross the river, was viewed with distrust by the inhabitants of an adjacent village, who, believing he had come on behalf of government, were unwilling to incur the displeasure of the King, by giving him shelter. "I was regarded," he says, "with astonishment and fear, and was obliged to sit all day without food, under the shade of a tree. The wind rose, and the rain great appearance of a heavy rain, and the wild beasts are so numerous in the neighborhood, that I should have been under the necessity of resting among the branches of a tree. About sunset, however, I was preparing to pass the night in this manner, and had turned my horse loose, that he might graze at liberty, a welcome thing to him after the fatiguing toil, designed to observe me. Perceiving that I was weary and dejected, she inquired into my situation, which I briefly explained to her; whereupon, with looks of great compassion, she took up my saddle and bridle and told me to follow her. Having collected some into her hut, she lighted a lamp, spread a mat on the floor, and told me I might remain there for the night. Finding that I was hungry, she went out and soon returned with a very fine fish, which being boiled upon some embers, she gave me for supper. The women then examined the texture of spinning cotton, and lightened their labors with songs, one of which must have been composed extemporic, for I was myself the subject of it. It was sung by one of the young women, the rest joining in a kind of chorus. The air was sweet and plaintive, and the words literally translated, were these:"

"The winds roar'd, and the rain fell;
The poor white man, faint and weary,
Came and sat under our tree—
He has no mother to bring him milk;
No wife to grind his corn.

Chorus

"Let us pity the white man;
No mother has he to bring him milk;
No wife to grind his corn."

Trifling as this recital may appear, the circumstance was highly affecting, to a person in my situation. I was overcome with such unexpected kindness, and cloy fill I on my eyes. In the morning, I presented my companion six medals, with two of the four brass buttons remaining on my waistcoat; the only recompense I could make her."

Another circumstance, related by the same gentleman, gives pleasing evidence that although in a land, where the influence of christianity had not been felt; he was treated by its inhabitants, as a man and brother, when naked, they clothed him; when hungry, they fed him; and when sick, they visited and comforted him.

"At Tak, after having overcome many difficulties, and experiencing the greatest hospitality of the natives, arrived in the rainy season at Kamatia; he mentioned to its inhabitants, his intention of crossing the Jalonka wilderness, from which he was persuaded by an individual named Karla, who pitying his destitute condition, offered to give him plenty of victuals, and a little wooden hut, in which he might shelter from the heavy and cold rain, and that when he was conducted in safety to Gimma, he might make what return he thought proper; while under the roof of this benevolent man, he received every attention that could have been expected, from the most devoted friend; he here recovered from a fever with which he had been afflicted for some weeks. "Thus," said he, "was I invested, by the friendly care of this benevolent negro, from a situation truly deplorable. Desire and despair pressed hard upon me; I had before me the gloomy wilderness of Jalonka, where the wretched sent to mendicants for five successive days. I had observed, at a distance, the rapid course of the river Rokaro, and had almost marked out the place, where I thought I was doomed to perish, when this friendly negro stretched out his hospitable hand for my relief." The same traveller is rushing upon the character of the Africans, and the treatment which he experienced when among them, says—" All the negro native that fell under my observation, though divided into a number of petty, independent states, subsist cordially, by the same unwavering love nearly in the same temperature, and possess a wonderful similarity of disposition. The Mandingoes, in particular, are a very gentle race, cheerful, inquisitive, credulous, simple, and fond of flattery. Perhaps the most prominent desire in their character, was that unextinguishable propensity, which the reader must have observed to pervade all classes, to steal from me the few effects I was possessed of. No complete justification can be offered for this conduct, because theft is a crime in their own estimation; and it must be observed that they are not basically and generally guilty of it towards each other. But before we pronounce them a more depraved people than any other, it was well to consider, whether the lower class of people in any part of Europe, would have acted, under similar circumstances, with greater honesty towards a stranger. It must be remembered that the laws of the country afforded me no protection; that every one was permitted to rob me with impunity; and that some part of my effects were of as great value in the estimation of the negroes, as pearls and diamonds would have been in the eyes of a European. Let us suppose a black merchant of Hindostan had found his way into England, with a box of jewels at his back, and the laws of the kingdom afforded him no security—in such a case, the wonder would be, not that the stranger was robbed of any part of his riches, but that any part was left for a second depredator. Such, on sober reflection, is the judgment, I have formed concerning the pilfering disposition of the Mandingo negroes towards me."

"On the other hand, it is impossible for me to forget the disinterested charity, and tender solicitude, with which many of these poor heathens, from the sovereign of Sego, to the poor women, who at different times received me into their cottages, sympathized with my sufferings, relieved my distress, and contributed to my safety. Perhaps this acknowledgement is more particularly due to the female part of the nation. Among the men, as the reader must have seen, my reception, though generally kind, was sometimes otherwise. Avarice in some, and bigotry in others, had closed up the avenues to compassion; but I do not recollect a single instance of hard heartedness towards me in the women. In all my wanderings and wretchedness, I found them uniformly kind and compassionate; and I can truly say, as Mr. Ledyard has eloquently said before me—"To a woman, I never addressed mysel in the language of decency and friendship, without receiving a decent and friendly answer. If I was hungry or thirsty, wet, or cold, they did not hesitate, like the men, to perform a generous action. In so free and so kind a manner, did they contribute to my relief, that if I were dry, I drank the water draught; and if I were hungry, I eat the coarsest meal with a double relish."

"It is surely reasonable to suppose, that the soft and amiable sympathy of nature, thus spontaneously manifested to me in my darkness, is displayed by these poor people as occasion requires, much more strongly toward those of their own nation and neighborhood. Maternal affection, neither suppressed by the restraints nor directed by the solicitudes of civilized life, is every where conspicuous among them, and creates reciprocal tenderness in the child. "Sit by me," said a negro to his master, who had spoken disrespectfully of his parents, "but do not curse my mother." The same sentiment I found to prevail universally."

"I perceived, with great satisfaction, that the maternal solicitude, extended not only to the growth and security of the person, but also, in a certain degree, to the improvement of the character; for one of the first lessons, which the Mandingo women teach their children is the practice of truth. A poor unhappy mother, whose son had been murdered by Moorish bandits, found consolation in her deepest distress from the reflection that her boy, in the whole course of his blameless life, had never told a lie."

The Rev. Mr. Spaulding, a missionary, who has resided for some time in, or near Liberia; states that the natives, in the neighborhood of that colony, are much more intelligent than the colonists; that their appearance loudly proclaims that they have never wore the bonds of servitude, nor been subjected to that oppression, that annihilates the mental faculties of man and degrades him to the level of a brute. He mentioned, that in dealing, the natives were far superior to the colonists; that when a ship-load of emigrants arrived off the coast, they expressed their satisfaction of the bargains in prospect, in the following language, "plenty fool man now; plenty fool man, got plenty money," meaning, that the newly arrived emigrants were ignorant, and that in dealing, they would take the advantage of them. Such is the testimony of those, who from close observation and personal experience, have been enabled to form a correct estimate of the moral and intellectual character of the modern African.

In my next, I propose giving a brief account, of the lives of one or more native Africans.

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A DAY AT CARTHAGE.

BY M. M. NOAH.

"Abdallah, tell H-lil to put the horses to the chariot—we will ride to Carthage."

"The horses excellency" said Abdallah, with visible surprise and astonishment. "Why not the camels?" for so he called the mules: "it is degrading to hitch a noble creature, like the horse, to a carriage, besides, *allamme mume*, it is not *usanza* in this country."

Abdallah was an old Persian, who had been, for many years, drag-man to the consulate, and was brought to Tunis from Derne, by General Eaton.

His beard was gray and "grisly," a kind of pepper-and-salt, long and thick. Mountains generally appear much older than they really are; their dress, their silver and turbaned head, their long white beards, give to a man of sixty years the appearance of eighty. Abdallah was the friend or rorrer, he was at his ease silver dress and with a little wicker basket containing bread, a few olives, and, sometimes fish; and he would carefully watch the entrance, until the voice of the faithful from the minaret of the mosque, announced the setting sun and evening prayer. Hali brought forth the mules and harnessed them to the carriage. He was the second dragoman—a noble looking Turk, of twenty two—nearly six feet in height—an intelligent, manly face, with fierce long mustaches—a short curly beard and an air of proud defiance. He being his *pedagogue* by his side, rode his horse *pied et noire* in his *Arabian* and *Persian* dress, his *Turkish* cap circle was dissolved the highly turbaned state apartments to ascertain that all was safe, had retired in their turn to rest. Nothing remained but the Cadi, who was a chieftain of the Turkish guard, who was swapped with a brown juice from the *henna*—his head hung down, with a heavy look, yet there was occasionally a fiery glance that shot from his eye—and he seemed asleep, and spurn forth with energy as his manly rider vaulted on the high peaked Moorish saddle.

Count Camillo Borgia, a Neapolitan general, and a dose dant of the great house Borgia, a man of talent, and on his travels, seated himself with me in the carriage, and we passed through the heavy gates of Tunis, and entered on the level plains that lead to Carthage. It was a lovely day in May—the wild roses grew in abundance, throwing their fragrance around and perfuming the air with a thousand odours; the grass was green and high, and the olive and cotoch trees were in full blossom. What a splendid country! how pure and balmy! how unlike the ice coming down from the snow capped mountains of *Hammon Leef* and sweeping through the gorge across the ancient suburbs of *Mondragon*! Here was the broken tower that noble squeaker which furnished the ships with water from Zowan, (Zama) the spot where the last great battle was fought between Hannibal and Scipio. In the distance, in front, where the three hills on which the ancient city stood in all its glory—no vestige left, but the splendid temple of Esculapius, or the citadel of Byrsa was to be seen. A lonely tower erected by the good St. Louis of France, in which he died, serves to announce to the approaching city that his was the *Promontory of Carthage*. We wound round the base of the mountain. It was scarcely ten o'clock and we had the day before us. Nor one of the ruins there were a few Arab women with water jars, and a few Arab boys, the women were wearing a kind of coarse cloth with universal grace, some standing on their roots—their eyes were dark as the gazelle's, and their complexion a deep olive tinged and burnt with the sun, intermingled sociably with these peasants, and one, whose regular features, and pretty mouth and teeth, might have enchanted an inhabitant west of the Tweed, broke shy of a cedar and stood freely of the other, before we had brought from the carriage. The count was busy in sketching the scenery and objects around us, and the dragoman regale me with great uneasiness as I told the Arab girl frequently to cover her face which she laughingly refused to do.

Excellency—it is dangerous it is not our custom. Should you be seen conversing with a Moslem woman, your life—my life—might be in danger."

"Nonsense, nonsense, Hali! there is present but ourselves, no one can betray us, sit down and interpret to me what the wild girl of Carthage has to say."

"Are you quite happy?"

"Certainly. Allah protect me—the sun that shines on you shines upon me. Our goats are in the—there also are the orange—the date and lemon tree. We weave our cloth, we can get a sleep in the tents for little here to day, and tomorrow may be a Bagetta. We pay tribute to the kka and no more—secure is."

"How pretty, you talk. Were you ever in love?"

"Oh always. I love my father he is my lord—my mother, she is my mistress. I love my brother and Sidi Yussef the mute. I love my flock I love the air, the sky, the sp ngles in the heavens, the flowers that bloom around me."

She spoke rapidly, and her large dark melting eye flashed as she spoke with wildness and expression.

"It is another kind of love to do—to an—You are not married?

"No."

"Have you a heart?"

"What is it?"

"The seat of life and happiness of pain and anxiety it throbs and beats in unison with our feelings. Give me your hand—there do you not feel it beat?"

"Yes, it is that! I love one also—it beats just as yours, feel mine."

The dragoman was quite uneasy at the rectipical discovery of hearts—which we were talking and passed rapidly to and fro, then a squeal shot again to translate from the Arabic the rapid sentences of the girl.

"If you had a husband, surely you would love him better—he the old man of your flock?"

"No, not so. we never seek our husbands; they are brought us, and we must marry them—it is the custom and when they are tired of us, they marry again. We are their slaves—we work for them carry burdens—eat when they have done, and keep as we white they sleep: Allah will have it so and we are content?"

"Why should I make this poor girl unhappy by painting in a vale of joys the happiness she enjoy—by exhibiting the silken chains of the heart by breaking through the happiness of her pastoral life, and showing the picture of the world its fascinations and attractions its glare and glitter its pleasures and miseries? No, I will not do it—here she lives amidst the broken columns of antiquity, serene and happy in come less innocence and enviable purity."

The girl took from the corner of her woolen mantilla that glass which entranced her whole person, a few silver coins of the Caesars, a few copper idiots and some broken pieces of glass which she had discovered among the ruins and offered to sell them to me for a piastre. I gave her a golden *mahbub* which made her eyes sparkle with delight and she looked her thanks in a most bewitching manner.

Count Borgia had nearly finished a drawing of the princess caste sat still in excellent preservation which contained the water for the use of the great city. We rose to ascend the hill and went through the subterranean apartments double long tired as granaries, but which Lady Montague mistook for the chambers of the elephants.

"Sidi" said the Arab girl, "I can show you from the summit Cape Bon and Tarbarca—it is a beautiful sight shall I go?"

She called her goats together, and the bells of the little herd tinkled as they grouped around her, and with a sprig of the melancholy cypress in her hand, she waved it over them, and ascended with as the rough and thorny path to the tower of St. Louis. The view from the summit was inexpressibly beautiful. The blue and calm waves of the Mediterranean lay before us to the right, the magnificent bay and harbour; the lake and mountains to the left, at a distance of ten miles were the ruins of Utica, and the senate house; the river Bagrada, on which Regulus killed the great serpent. We selected a shady retreat for dinner after having surfeited ourselves on the beauties of a landscape and water scene which can only be imagined, not described. The coach was spread on a piece of table linen, and the contents of the hamper emptied. The Arab girl ate a *beccafico* and the wing of a pheasant with some consideration, and drank a glass of sherbet; the dragoman wrapped in his handkerchief an interpolated bottle of Burgundy, which, in spite of the laws of Mahomet, he emptied at a distance, in a trice. The heat was oppressive, and on preparing for a siesta the Arab girl threw her off against a bank enamelled with flowers, and most hospitably and affectionately placed my head on her lap, and fanned me while I slept, with her cypress bough. I was restless and perturbed the scenes around me awoke so many reminiscences in history. I were big with so many great events, that I dreamed I saw them all before me in real and substantial existence. Methought the Arab girl led me by the hand across the patio of a noble palace, like the Parthenon at Athens, yet more city and magnificent from the profusion of rich inlaid boats of armed men, with shield and lance ready for the field. All was bustle, hurry and confusion. A figure like the fabled Hercules, with a brazen helmet, a shield of burnished gold, and a sword which flashed and sparkled in the sun as he waved it aloft, called aloud to arms; while the shrill trumpet sounded long and loud from the battlement. I saw a Hannibal who stood before me, the Arab girl beckoned me along. I could not withdraw my eyes from a figure so noble and commanding, so fearless and heroic; but what was the cause of this sudden movement, this rush to arms, this clangour of sword and shield and waving of banners? From the citadel we looked towards the *Promontorium Appolonis*, when lo, myriads of barks were making towards the cape and landing troops of men. It was Cypsus carrying aid to Carthage, who with two thousand men, and a fleet of the Gaulish yawning at his point, the numerous sentries on *faction* in the various quadrangles of the palace, with lance and fire a light and amazing throng of people, the sentinels on the stairs, such as in the abode of even the most frugal and selfsecure are of sovereigns—of a citizen-king, for instance—gives ev ence that the re must be no *mob* within the palace or a palace—that perpetual vigilance is indispensable to secure the safety of an anointed head!

All was quiet, save the tinkling of the Fountain of Ulysses in the great court, and the harsh crowing of a cock in the distance, when, in a moment, a shrill tumult became perceptible in the *Cour de la Fontaine*, and a few exclamations in complete rhythmic, were seen horrifically traversing the corridor, and the sounds of groans became distinctly challenged and gates unclosed. The stir and bustle increased. Cornuart, the Emperor's favorite physician, had been hastily summoned from his bed—he was the confidant of the Emperor. Was Josephine, whom often a lady a remote but of the premeditated repudiation had thrown into hysterics, again attacked with migraine? Was Madame Walewska transfixed by some her beads? Or was the Princess Borghese suffering from some of her imaginary heartaches, or headaches? Vain not to guess! Some hundred or so of young and limited beauties, just this side of twenty, and peaked nails of Fontainebleau, were enough to afford practice and perplexity to Galen and all his sons.

But it was not for the sake of amusing in the shape of woman—not for the sake of Madame Walewska that Cornuart would have presumed to steal down the ivy circular staircase leading from the Emperor's apartment to the *Gabinet Topographique*, where on the eve of his departure for the Russian campaign, he used to spend in investigating a map, pricked out subsequently to the Military Council of the morning, by the hands of Baron Fain and Baron Berier of Alba.

The Emperor was a lone in the overhung by a shaded lamp, and covered with maps and plans. Napoleon's attention was engrossed in dictating notes to his aide-de-camp, when a slight knock at the door announced some principal or subordinate, and he was left alone. He was at a large volume, the *premier livre de chasse* made his appearance.

"What is the matter Constant?" cried the Emperor hastily, apprehending he knew not what from this unprecedented interruption.

"Sire, with your Majesty's gracious permission I have ventured to intrude in extremis—"

"Bah! Speak out—to the point!—What has happened?"

Cardinal Caprara, Sire is expiring"——

"Pooh?" inquired Napoleon calmly instructing his left hand in his waistcoat pocket, and fumbling himself with snuff—snuff as inveterately as if the "agres" of the eve of dissolution of a minister of the Sacred College could possibly is I within the precognition of a valet de-chambre!

"Sire! your Majesty's goodness will I trust, pardon my offic ousness but I consider it my duty to acquaint your Majesty previous to the fatal catastrophe, that—"

"Bah!" again interrupted the Emperor, "never so completely—*le petit corporal*" as with a military map before him, and a perspective of triumph opening from its indications—

"But his eminence has fallen a victim to poison" continued Constant, satisfied that it was his business to preserve sure in his relations.

"*Ta poison!*" repeated Napoleon, turning round short on the vast de-chambre.

"*Ta poison!*" reiterated Fain—"I assumed in the Royal Palace of Fontainebleau!"—a Prince of the Holy Roman Church—the Nuncio of the Pope—poisoned!—*Quelle horreur!*"

"This becomes serious" said the Emperor, coolly "Who is with him? Who has been sent for?"

"The Bishop of Meaux, Sire—is with his Eminence."

"A Bishop!"—why not a physician?—Where is Corvisart—where is Ivan?"

And the Almoner of Her Imperial Majesty," continued Constant, "is about to administer"——

"Extreme Unction, no doubt! when an emetic might prove the Cardinal's salvation?"

"Meanwhile, if your Majesty will permit me to observe" said the aide-de-camp abruptly "the unfortunate event may lead to most calamitous conclusions. Cardinal Caprara possesses the personal regard and esteem of His Holiness—and the Sacred College—bearing reference to so delicate and personal a question, inferences might possibly arise."

"You are right" cried the Emperor. "I should be on the spot" and the more so that the Cardinal appears to be surrounded by a tribe of fools, mere stocks, of pomposity, and old-womanish than himself. Constant,—my hat. I is waiting in the library in our robe."

And having hurriedly traversed the corridor leading from the Royal library to a small dome opening under the grand stair case of the *Bas a Cheval* the Emperor hastened across the courts of the two interveining quadrangles and seized upon the carriage of the Prince of Eckmuhl with such rapidity, that the sentry at the first post had scarcely carried his hand to his musket to present arms when his master reached the second. All was in confusion round the entrance, and on the staircase leading to the Cardinal's apartments. The doors of the antechamber stood wide open, and two gorgeous dolmans were squibbing in the saloon, every person in authority having pushed forward to the cabinet of the dying Churchman.

"Dad Caprara sup with me to night" demanded the Emperor, as he crossed the vestibule, to Fain, who was closely follo ing.

"I our Majesty forgets, perhaps, the *fête*, the ball——"

"True true!—He was served, there, in his own apartments! continued Napoleon, addressing a domestic in the Imperial livery, who was about to send away on livery of the Emperor—"Where did his Eminence sup last night?—who was present?—who furnished the repast?"

"His eminence supped in his own chamber, Sire, attended by his own almoner, on dishes especially prepared by his own domestics," interposed the aide de camp, who had overheard the question and was aware of Napoleon's fastidious for social intelligence.

"So much the better" muttered the Emperor, taking breath. "It is probable, that that there may be poison in the case. He may be dying of a surfeit."

But when, in another ten, Nilson penetrated into the bedchamber, there no shaking the symptoms of the Nuncio for those in question! Churchmen and Laymen—*gourmands* and—short necked or long—it was no ordinary one in his kind rendered his face as lived, his lips as, his aquarrils so distended, his eyes so fixed and glassy that even the entrance of the Emperor produced change of countenance in the moribund!

"Alas! alas! dying out a consolation of the Church" sighed the Blind boast, as he let fall upon the coverlet the hand he his holding in his own, in the hope of discerning signs of amendment.

"Dying before half thirty of his mission were accomplished! he murmured piteous e's Secretary, who had expected to find his etrenn in the affair equal with a full benefice.

"Dying in a foreign ty, so far from our *bella Paris*" faltered a pale Nun *mamaison* of his suite, who had crept towards the and was blubbering unheeded on the threshold.

"What was served to dinner at supper?" inquired Napoleon of the latter, tapping smartly on the shoulder, ere his own entrance intoxed by those administering to the dying man, cost fixing their whole attention on his countenance.

"*Ha, oh!*" sobbed the celebrate lacking up and trembling with consternation perceiving by whom he was so cavalierly accosted—*Madre de Dio!*—Sant Maria!"

"Ask you what was write his eminence at supper?" persisted the Emperor—"Answer quickly and be fly for his sake—I open—"

"Mushrooms, Sire!" joined Fain, who had already chiseled from the Cardinal-*notre Phatel*, the desired intelligence. "*Les champignons Phatels, a l'Hodiemne*, by his own a cook."

"*Cogbleu!*" ejaculated sparta, all the Corsican kindling in him at the words a genuine Orange is to be found on the side thing! They have poisoned him with some noxious fu! *Dites Gensages sorcier a Phatels!*—Let Paulet be truly sent for. It may not yet be too late to try a counter in."

And satisfied that a super mushrooms would afford a very natural excuse to mingle Europe, for the sudden demise even of a Cardinal, Emperor returned to his surveys as sweetly as he lightest them.

"So, this *Abbaye de L'*" cried he, seizing Constant by the ear as he travel the *Bibliothique*, where the valet-de-chambre was idling, to enter the topographical study,—"You thinkest, it seem, to break in upon my privacy, because papered post chaises to other cat himself!"

And Constant, discovering an instant from the familiarity of the Imperial Mly's address, that he even a dared Caprara is no mortal dat, and was not little pleased to find the case less urgent the had been led to expect, ventured to reply, that "anor time, under such circumstances, he would show sufficient confidence."

"Another time, under such circumstances, (if ever another cask should be found his palate, of sufficient importance to serve up tonduction an *entremet* dose I have come one—send for Doctbalet, who has passed his life *dans champignons* or in trying the nature and properties of mushrooms, and not interrupt me, till the specimens has done its wo."

"Sire Doctor Fain et to up, before he quits the Cardinal, that you may be prepared with particulars when you wake in the morning." A Napoleon's final adjuration, when having officiated his master's toilet, Constant was about to retire for night to receive the same service from his own valet-de-chambre, leaving the door of the Imperial Chamber to guardianship of the faithful Rustan.

Unhappily, further intelligence on the subject awaited the return of the Emperor. He was to have found that would have sufficed to impel the world that Paulet had administered an antidote, attest the Cardinal was out of danger; but while a Page the Hou-chold was offering his last morning salutations to the Emperor, the Prince of the Church, on theme of their Imperial Majesties, the Duc d'Otrante B arrived from Paris, and was about to be admitted to an audience of the Emperor; when the Duke Fouche, the Minister of Police,—whose name has too damned to everlasting fame, in France, as the able signator of a system of espionage, unique in the annals in efficiency, and which was at this period perfection, to desires and projects of Napoleon by preparing the way for his divorce, and the formation of a more unspotted matrimonial alliance.

"This is a sad affair Sire!" the Cardinal Caprara observed the *Chef de Police*, after having completed the transactions which had motived his journey from the capital.

"*Sad!*" reiterated the Emperor. "I understood from Constant that Paulet administered for his life?"

"I met Doctor Paulet, Sire, as I entered the Cour d'Honneur."

"Well?"

"He assured me that there were no grounds for alarm, —that in a day or two his Eminence would be as well as ever."

"Ah!"

"And capable of supping second time on a ragout of *fesans Dorangeas*"—Ja kaw."

"But is it proved, Sire, that the mushrooms were pernicious?"

"*Proved!* You should have seen the Cardinal's face! *purple* as his aide-de-camp! Mushrooms unfortunate *gamin* has been dismissed in the dead room of the Morgue, with twice as much life in his frame! Pernicious!—Nothing but Paulet's skill could have saved him."

"Your Majesty mistakes me, *Poisoned*. I admit him to have been, but my people here assured me they have procured evidence that the mushrooms picked and selected the most inoxious of the fungi! I ribald, in an aside, during his absence, be set off in the direction of the river, with one of those boats of Madame Walewska, furnished with pure and wholesome food, and overgrown by the greatest variety of wild flowers ever collected together in one of nature's uncultivated *parterres*,—which, I understand, the Princess Borghese has selected for her residence in the Forest of Fontainebleau. Duroc, at hough admitted to the most familiar intimacy with the Emperor, was, of course, too good a courtier to hazard an inquiry touch ing the object of their mission. Duroc, during his own absence, he set off in the direction of the river, with one of those boats of Madame Walewska, furnished with pure and wholesome food, and overgrown by the greatest variety of wild flowers ever collected together in one of nature's uncultivated *parterres*,—which, I understand, the Princess Borghese has selected for her residence in the Forest of Fontainebleau. Duroc, at hough admitted to the most familiar intimacy with the Emperor, was, of course, too good a courtier to hazard an inquiry touching the object of their mission. Duroc, during his own absence, he set off in the direction of the river, with one of those boats of Madame Walewska, furnished with pure and wholesome food, and overgrown by the greatest variety of wild flowers ever collected together in one of nature's uncultivated *parterres*,—which, I understand, the Princess Borghese has selected for her residence in the Forest of Fontainebleau. Duroc, at hough admitted to the most familiar intimacy with the Emperor, was, of course, too good a courtier to hazard an inquiry touch ing

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The western papers speak of a destructive insect called the *Army Worm*, which has committed great ravages in the grain fields of that section of the country. A correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette, dating from Anderson township, mentions that the *Army Worm* has made its appearance in that neighborhood to an alarming degree. He mentions a number of eight acres, belonging to himself, that has literally been devoured by them, and they were on the march in great numbers of other adjacent fields. Great fears were entertained among the farmers, as to the probable extent of the ravages of this worm. When first discovered, it is said to be about an inch in length, rather slender, of a dark brown (varying to black) with white stripes on the side, the head of an amber color, and as hard as flint. In five or six days time they acquire some the full size, and are then upwards of four inches in length. At this period, it is said, one of these worms will eat a large blade of grass in a couple of minutes. Whenever they appear, it is in great force, and hence are called Army Worms.

LITERARY NOTICES.

Arthur's Gazette.—The *July* number of the Gazette, just published, is embellished with a beautiful engraving of the Village School in an Uproar, from a splendid painting by Rather, one of the handsomest good pieces that has ever appeared in the work. Also, with an engraving of the Medical College, of Ohio, and a view of the Ohio River, near Wheeling. The reading contents are diversified, and comprise tales, essays, sketches, extracts from new works, poetry, &c.

The August number of this work, will be embellished with a new plate of the latest fashions, handsomely coloured.

"The Vision of War," a poem, by H. B. Gibson, has just been published by Stavers, Kay and Brother. Most of our city readers, we presume, have heard of Mr. Gibson; and if his fame has not extended beyond the precincts of Philadelphia, it is not because Mr. G. has been sparing of his rhymes. The Vision of War, is dedicated to the Hon. Daniel Webster—a very praiseworthy man, by the way—who is the author's confidence for the Presidency, and to whom a copy of the work is presented "as soon as an opportunity may occur."

The subject of the poem is very appropriate to the times, and the book ought to sell. Permission to read the dedication alone, is worth more than the price of the book, and we are sure we can use the rest for even the poem, without being satisfied that the author is a poet of no small pretension.

Cooper's new work, the Monikins, will shortly be published by Carey, Lea, and Blanchard.

Fall of the Roman Empire.—Messrs. Carey, Lea and Blanchard, have just published, in a large octavo, Gibbonsdb's history of the Fall of the Roman Empire, a work of high authority on the subject of this most important of all political convulsions. It embraces period of time from the beginning of the fourth to the end of the sixth century, with reference to the condition of Rome during the first, second and third centuries. All the leading events of the Empire during that time, are faithfully recorded, in a style at once clear, concise and deeply interesting.

We have not leisure this week for a particular notice, but are satisfied that the work needs no eulogium. We shall recur to the subject again.

INDIAN SKETCHES.

Messrs. Carey, Lea & Co. are about to publish a work entitled "Sketches of Indian Life, and Sketches, taken during an expedition to the Pawnee tribes, by John T. Irving, jr." The author is a nephew of Washington Irving, Esq. and if the subjoined extract affords any of some of the quality of the whole, the work will be a very amusing one.

THE LEGEND OF THE SALINE RIVER.

Many years since, long before the whites had established their march beyond the banks of the Mississippi, a tribe of Indians resided upon the Platte, and its junction with the Saline. Among these was one, the chief warrior of the nation, celebrated throughout all the neighboring country, for his fierce and unrelenting disposition. But a beautiful village, and several hundred miles, but waited for those who had fallen beneath his own; not a breach, but had run with the blood of his victims. He was forever bent on planning destruction to his enemies. He had numbers from one village to another, carrying death to the unfortunate, and desolation to their homes. He was a terror to old and young.

Chief, above and unrivalled, would he steal off, to some his bands in hand, and add new victims to the [illegible] he had already shown. [illegible] as he was to the hostile tribes, he was equally dreaded by his own people. They gloried in his chief, but shrunk from all fellowship with him. His lodge was deserted, and even in the [illegible] of his own people he was alone. Yet there were some among that throng to him, and bound him, in spite of the sternness of his rugged nature. It was the daughter of the chief of the village; a beautiful girl and grateful to one of the throng of her own [illegible]

[illegible] she had many admirers, yet when the warrior declared his intention of asking of her father, she did come in competition with so formidable a [illegible] that because his wife, and he loved her with all the fierce energy of his nature. It was a new feeling [illegible] the chief warrior, and it was the dark passion of his heart. His lodge quaked forth, to some [illegible] the only being that had ever [illegible] her. Very over him was unbounded. He [illegible] upon himself that she did not hate him. She [illegible] but it he entered no word, he plead no [illegible]. He appealed to his family lodge, and forbade all [illegible]. He could of good was heard from it—all [illegible] on the mouth. The morning came, and with it [illegible] down his hall the lodge. His body was [illegible] with rage, and he was fierce as ever [illegible] the chief had ever shot from his [illegible] bow. There was no wavering of a single [illegible] there was not the shrinking of a single [illegible] the touch no mortal of those around them but [illegible] to the open wigwam his uncle was hurt. He [illegible] a moment over the prostrate chief [illegible] the dreaded form upon the green, and cast it upon the [illegible]. Then turning on his heel, strode [illegible] the [illegible].

[illegible] of a month he returned to his village [illegible] the [illegible] of men, women, and children, [illegible] hung in the mouths of his lodge. He carried [illegible] the rifles, and again set off, hastily as [illegible]. A month elapsed, and he returned bringing with [illegible] a lovely Indian girl. He led her through the [illegible] the chief, and many a heart swelled [illegible] the [illegible] of the lodge. The [illegible] and the chief herself on the ground [illegible] and [illegible] was prostrated by [illegible] the father [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible] the

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FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 3, 1835.

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[illegible]	[illegible]	Lead, Am.	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Glover, dry	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pigment, ground	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	do. China clay	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Timothy, bush	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Herds, bush	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Flaxseed, bush	[illegible]
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THE CLOCK

Twenty-five cents of Lotty,
Then given in all the interview.

For the Saturday Evening Post.

A Mile Mathematical Question, presented for a Solution.

Query.—What will be the horizontal distance, the perpendicular distance, and the length of the curve from a touch by the top and bottom pins of a carriage wheel, four feet high, by moving forward, from a state of perfect repose, or direction, on a horizontal plane, so as, the wheel to turn one quarter round? and then for the wheel to turn one half round.

Philomathematicus.

The following song, called "the Stage Coach," describing the taste of the Grey and Mellow in old antiquities, was written by a Mr. Gardner, and sung at a dinner given at Tamworth, England, on the occasion of Sir Robert Peel's second to present his honours to house, then representing about Sir Robert's birthplace, at Drayton the suburbs.

A new fashioned coach, yet as old boast of I have,
Just from London just two years ago;
They call it "Reform," and one old Mr. Grey
Was the coachman appointed to drive all the way.

This concern was intended to make an excursion
Through England and Ireland for private diversion;
And out, as we said, for the good of the nation—
For business you and me (cons a Whig quotation.

Old Brougham was the guard, he instead of a horn,
He blew his own trumpet from night until morn;
And all their new horses in boisterous weather
Was never expected to hold long together.

They had purchased a young inexperienced team,
Just unbroaged away as if carried by steam;
They shied, and they shied, and they reared in the air,
Till the passengers all were in frightful despair.

At last, turning round to an old brisk church,
Old Grey tumbled off, and was left in the lurch;
And a North Country horse and a young Derby colt
Broke away from the team, and thought proper to bolt.

The leaders carrying, like fury and fire,
Thinks were brought but old wheelers to pull through the mire.
When a fellow so meek as a Lamb took the reins—
But folks said he'd no courage, or else he'd no brains.

The public all grumbled, and loudly cried "shame,"
The proprietor saw that his team were to blame;
And he said, in discharging his servants, "I feel
That you're only in want of Tom Powers or Arkell."

And the people's appeal was not in vain,
For Reformism all cities the right to complain;
And there we've was a time when complaint or dispute,
In our different stages, was ever so just.

So he's found us a man who has in'en the control,
And he's sought nothing new but a very strong pull;
He'll call the old coach "The Tamo Barrow," and
there
He'll bring home the passengers safely again!

THE MORAL MOGUL.

Two years been lucky then time
No unfortunate ever could pay,
The first man I called on, they said,
Was gone out for the whole of the day.
And the other, s'e'er early true,
That unfortunate in pays ever come,—
Oh, I say! you found him gone out too?
No, Tadpole: I found him at home.

A Nasty Compliment.—One of the greatest compliments on record is that paid by Lord Chatham to Pitt, that "his price was immortality, and he knew that posterity would pay it."

Unpaid Servant.—Mr. Coke of Norfolk, had a female servant (the daughter of one of his farmers), who looked after his poultry, the farmyard and fields, most exclusively, and assisted her father in all his duties. This intelligent woman once took a poacher, a sailor, on the sea coast, at least two miles from the house, and brought him in her sole custody. Amongst other duties she kept the key of the cellars, and one night, when gentlemen, guests of the house, went to enjoy the view from the top of the steeple. Mary accompanied them; in their frolic they attempted to kiss her, she ran down, locked the door and departed. When the dinner hour arrived the guests complained that no bell rang, no one was visible, and the whole affair was developed, to the no small chagrin of the gallants, and the high entertainment of the rest of the party.

Anecdote of Walter Scott.—He was going on with great glee (says Irving) to relate an anecdote of the Duke of Buccleuch, "when, poor fellow!" said he, "a dead and gone!—

"Why, Mr. Scott," exclaimed his wife, "Macbeth's dead, too, is he?"

"Hoots, my dear," replied Scott, with humorous gravity, "if he's not dead they've done him great injustice, for they've buried him!"

Answers to a Mama.—With frequent opportunities of watching one of the most fond of the species—a man who was worth his millions—I gathered many anecdotes of his various ways of getting and saving money. I will tell one.

A physician, of no unpromisable reputation and talent, married one of the odd to me's daughters. The old fellow went to him one day, and with his peculiar significance of expression, after sundry hum-mong and chewing, told him that in the settlement of an account with a gentleman, "John Smith owed me, he (the doctor) then was, he (the old fellow) had been consulted to take ten dollars less than"—thought he ought to have had. "Now, my good son, can't you charge him twenty or thirty dollars extra in your bill, and say it was to one—so that I may get my ten dollars, the interest of eleven years and be paid a little over for the trouble of waiting?"

What reply the doctor made to his "good" old father-in-law, at the rapping forth of his proposition, I don't know—but he probably did not give his patron the thirty-dollar dodge—as he was a gentleman himself, and remembered it with the wish that his medical knowledge would acquaint him with some drug that could make the old miser a decent being. If he could have made so great a discovery, he would have (and perhaps enough) who stood in suffering need of a dose of the medicine, in the world large enough to hold a fraction of the race.

The following is about as good a bit at drunkards as we have seen for a long while:

Remedy for getting drunk.—The following are among the reasons which are made by the individuals when brought before the magistrates of the different police offices in the metropolis, charged with being drunk and disorderly. Many of the names are made indiscriminately both by males and females:—Met a friend—met my mother—met my sister—have been wounded in the head—had a third do.—in very great distress—out of work—broke my leg in his Majesty's service—had no money—had an old wife—an old mother—been out of place a long time—just recovered from a fit of illness—been looking for work—had a little business to transact with a friend—just come out of prison, and every little liquor taken effect upon me—had my brother—met with a friend—just come out of prison, and very